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PRESS NOTE No.181, DATED THE 11TH OCTOBER 1949.

Sub: A summary of the Two Year Plan of Intensive Cultivation Schemes relating to Agricultural Department for 1949-50 and 1950-51.

In March 1949, the Government of India communicated their decision to stop all imports of foodgrains from foreign countries from the end of 1951 and asked the Provincial Governments to intensify their foodg production schemes in order to achieve self sufficiency. To implement this policy the Government have approved a Two Year Plan of Intensive Cultivation Scheme relating to the Agricultural Department for the years 1949-50 and 1950-51.

The following brief details of the plan are published for general information.

The net cost of the schemes is about Rs.3½ crores, of which the Central Government's share is estimated at about Rs.1.4 crores and the Provincial Government's share at about Rs.2.1 crores. The anticipated additional production of foodgrains (rice and millets) as a result of these schemes is about 4.71 lakhs tons at the end of 1949-50 and 5.87 lakhs tons at the end of 1950-51 on the assumption that the seasonal factor etc., would be normal.

3. The schemes included in the plan are the following:-

(1) Land development by mechanical cultivation and installation of pumping sets;

(2) Land Development by mechanical cultivation and supply of electric motor pumpsets, etc.;

(3) Opening of a Central Agricultural Engineering Stores and Supply Centre for the benefit of ryots;

(4) Land Development by mechanical cultivation and re-clamation by tractors and bull-dozores;

(5) Soil conservation and contour bunding in the Ceded Districts and Visakhapatnam District;

(6) Distribution of iron and steel for agricultural purposes;

(7) Scheme of subsidy for rural compost making;

(8) Control of pests and diseases of crops;

(9) Scheme for the subsidized distribution of phosphatic manures to increase food production;

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10. Scheme of distribution of ammonium sulphate to increase production of food grains;

11. Scheme for intensive multiplication and distribution of improved paddy seeds:

12. Scheme for intensive green manuring of food crops;

13. Scheme for intensive multiplication and distribution of improved millets seeds.

4. Schemes Nos.1 and 2 above are intended for lift irrigation wherever adequate irrigation facilities are not now available. Oil Engines and electric motor pumpsets will be acquired on Government account by the Agricultural Department and hired out to the ryots and also sold to them on an instalment payments should be made in the prescribed form to the concerned District Agricultural Officer, Scheme No.3 is intended to cater to the needs of agriculturists for securing agricultural machinery and implements at fair prices. Scheme No.4 relates to the purchase by this Government of tractors with and without bull-dozers and to hiring them out at concessional rates to the agriculturists for ploughing and reclamation of waste lands. Applications for the supply of tractors should be made to the District Agricultural Officer concerned. Allotments will be made in the order of priority, preference being given to cultivation of waste lands and reclamation of new areas.

5. Scheme No.5 aims at undertakiing contour bunding and contour trenching operations in lands subject to heavy soil erosion in the Ceded districts and the Visakhapatnam district, with a view to conserving rain water and the fertility of the soil. It is proposed to take up initially bunding operations on 7,500/- acres of lands in the Nagari, Guntakkal and Alur areas in the Ceded districts. 50% of the cost of bunding will be recovered from the ryots who will be benefitted by the scheme. In order to empower Government to enter upon and execute works in private lands and to recover the cost, or part of the cost thereof from the ryots, the Madras Land Improvement Schemes (Contour Bunding and Countour Trenching) Act, 1949 has been enacted.

6. Under Scheme No.6 the ryots will be supplied with cart tyres, axles, G.C. Sheets and other agricultural implements at controlled rates through the agricultural depots with the allotment of iron and steel made by the Government of India.

7. Under scheme No.7 above, the Government have provided for the payment of Re.1/- per ton as subsidy to the ryots for the compost made by them from waste vegetable matter in pits dug by the ryots subject to the supervision of the local Agricultural Demonstrators.

8. Under Scheme No.8, pesticides are stored in Agricultural Depots and supplied to ryots at concessional rates. Sprayers and dusters are also lent to ryots for carrying out remedial operations. A special plant protection staff has also been sanctioned to attend to plant protection work promptly.

9. Schemes 9 and 10 provide for the supply through the agricultural Depots of phosphatic manures (bonemeal and Superphosphate) at a concessional rate (half the cost in selected areas and of Ammonium Sulphate at the controlled rate (cost price). Large stocks of nearly 48,000 tons of phosphatic manures and 80,000 tons of Ammonium sulphate are expected to be made to the several districts during this year.

10. Schemes Nos. 11, 12 and 13 aim at the supply to ryots at controlled rates of improved varieties of paddy and millet seeds and also green manure seeds. These seeds will be raised in selected seed farms involving payment of subsidy by the Government to the seed farm ryots and then distributed to the ryots in the districts as usual through the agricultural depots at controlled rates.

11. General: The Government trust that ryots will co-operate with the Agricultural department in maximising food production by the various means provided for in the Two Year Plan.

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